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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) toured the Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Outpatient Clinic in Rome to see the progress being made on renovations to the facility using \$1,025,000 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill). Through the Recovery Bill, the Rome VA clinic received \$250,000 for renovations and improvements, and \$750,000 to replace and upgrade air handling units.

"Our veterans deserve nothing but the absolute best health care and services," **Arcuri said.** "Not only is this Recovery Bill funding creating jobs, right now, but once these renovations are completed the VA Outpatient Clinic in Rome will be able to improve services for our local veterans. This is another example of how the Recovery Bill is delivering results for Upstate New York."

The VA received a total of \$1.4 billion dollars through the Recovery Bill to stimulate the economy by making improvements to existing veterans' programs, facilities and services

The Recovery Bill, which Arcuri voted for and the President signed into law in February 2009, also includes job creation measures such as: funding for infrastructure improvements; aid to states and localities; tax cuts for the middle class and small businesses; and, investments in education.

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